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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. VENEZUELA REACTS TO PEREZ PAYOFF ALLEGATIONS

EMBASSY CARACAS REPORTS THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT REACTED  
SHARPLY TO US PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD  
BEEN ON THE CIA PAYROLL. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY:

--FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SUMMONED AMBASSADOR VAKY  
TO CONVEY PEREZ' REQUEST THAT THE USG IMMEDIATELY  
ISSUE A CLARIFYING STATEMENT.

--INTERIOR MINISTER LEPAGE CHARGED "THEY" WANT TO  
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PUNISH VENEZUELA FOR ITS STRONG POSITION IN OPEC AND  
ITS NATIONALIZATION OF THE OIL AND STEEL INDUSTRIES.

--UN AMBASSADOR CONSALVI ISSUED A STATEMENT IN NEW  
YORK CATEGORICALLY DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS AND  
CONDEMNING THE NEW YORK TIMES FOR PRINTING THEM.

EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT PEREZ BELIEVES THE PAYOFF ALLEGATIONS ARE A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO MALIGN AND DISCREDIT HIM. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS WILL COLOR HIS WHOLE

OUTLOOK TOWARD THE US AND HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON HIS RECENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. (CONFIDENTIAL) CARACAS 1802, 2/20 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) CARACAS 1800, 2/20 (LIMDIS).

## 2. BERLIN AND INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS

ON FEBRUARY 17, AMBASSADOR STOESEL MET WITH STATE MINISTER WISCHNEWSKI TO DISCUSS BERLIN AND INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO WISCHNEWSKI, RECENT GDR ACTIONS AFFECTING THE FRG AND BERLIN STEM FROM THE CONCERN OF EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES OVER INTERNAL DISCIPLINE. THE GDR WISHES TO LIMIT CONTACT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANS AND REDUCE THE FUNCTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN.

ON WEST BERLIN, WISCHNEWSKI SAID:

--MORALE IS NOT AS HIGH AS DURING THE YEARS OF EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION.

--WAYS SHOULD BE FOUND TO IMPROVE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE WITHOUT SEEKING UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIETS.

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--PRIVATE INVESTMENT, RATHER THAN INCREASED FEDERAL PRESENCE, SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 3041, 2/18.

## 3. BREZHNEV TO FAVOR FRANCE WITH A VISIT

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THE FEBRUARY 18 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT FRANCE "BEFORE JULY" MAY BE A SOVIET FILLIP TO GISCARD FOR KEEPING SILENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. A QUAI OFFICIAL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DOMESTIC PRESSURE IS MOUNTING FOR THE GOF TO TAKE A TOUGHER HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE. HE NONETHELESS PREDICTS FRANCE WILL SCRUPULOUSLY CONTINUE TO AVOID MAKING ANY COMMENTS WHICH THE SOVIETS COULD CONSTRUE AS INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THE GOF CAN RESIST THIS PRESSURE, WHICH IS NOW COMING MOST VOCALLY FROM THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY. IN OUR VIEW, IT

CANNOT FOR LONG, BREZHNEV VISIT OR NO. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
PARIS 5168, 2/19.

4. PERU: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON WASHINGTON  
VISIT

FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE IMPRESSED AMBASSADOR DEAN  
DURING THEIR FEBRUARY 18 CONVERSATION WITH HIS CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE CONSIDERABLE CONCERN CREATED IN WASHINGTON  
AND OTHER HEMISPHERE CAPITALS BY PERU'S ARMS PURCHASES  
FROM THE SOVIETS AND THE DANGER OF AN ARMS RACE IN THE  
REGION. DE LA PUENTE SAID HE AND PRESIDENT MORALES  
BERMUDEZ SHARE THE CONVICTION THAT:

--PERU SHOULD REDUCE ITS MILITARY EXPENDITURES; AND

--EFFORTS SHOULD BE RENEWED TO REACH A REGIONAL ARMS  
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AGREEMENT.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: DE LA PUENTE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON  
WAS A DEFINITE PLUS. IT CONTRIBUTED TO GOOD WILL AND  
OPENED A FRANK DIALOGUE ON A NUMBER OF VITAL ISSUES.  
THIS SHOULD HELP TO AVOID UNDESIRABLE SURPRISES IN THE  
FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LIMA 1397, 2/19 (LIMDIS).

5. BOKASSA LIKES US

CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPEROR BOKASSA IN A FEBRUARY 16 TALK  
WITH AMBASSADOR QUANTON STRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO  
RADICAL AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA AND HIS SUPPORT  
FOR THE WEST. BOKASSA SAID THAT HIS SUPPORT DESERVED  
RECOGNITION IN THE FORM OF INCREASED ECONOMIC AID, ADDING  
THAT LIMITED MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD ALSO BE WELCOMED.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: BOKASSA OBVIOUSLY ATTACHES CON-  
SIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR  
RELATIONS. NONETHELESS, HIS ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS WILL  
NOT PREVENT HIM FROM NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE  
COMMUNIST POWERS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE WILLING TO AID  
THE EMPIRE. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGUI 308, 2/18.  
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